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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 12 May 2005 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

a) ☐ entered.

b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.


c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.

d) ☒ disapproved. See explanation below.

e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

*The interconnection of elements in the new amended figure 1 does not correspond with the description given in the specification. Furthermore, applicant agreed with the examiner in the response dated 11/1/04 that figure 1 was "Prior art", plus the specification refers to figure 1 as a general Hybrid Electric Vehicle as well as a basic HEV. Therefore, the proposed changes to figure 1 are not approved.*

  
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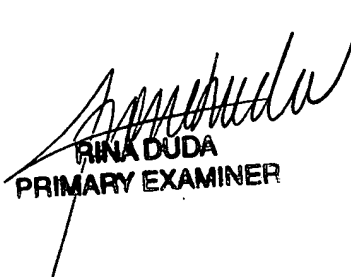
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